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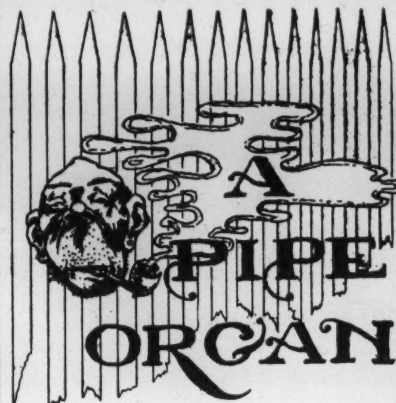
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Editorial.

THE month of April will be marked in Southern Club circles by the Seventh Annual Convention of the Mississippi Federation of Women's Clubs. The Browning Club of Oxford, Miss., will entertain the convention and the program promises to be interesting and suggestive. Although the Mississippi Federation is not a member of the General Federation of Women's Clubs, the bond of interest in all club work is so strong that clubwomen generally and Southern clubwomen in particular watch with interest and sympathy the splendid altruistic work that the women of Mississippi are accomplishing through their clubs. The Keystone extends its heartiest good wishes to the Mississippi Federation and wishes it continued success in its life of unselfish usefulness.

THE KEYSTONE expresses its gratitude thus openly to Mrs. A. E. Smith of Rock Hill, S. C., for her gift of the September, 1899, copy of The Keystone. This copy completes the entire file of The Keystone (Vols I., II., III., IV.) which is now in the possession of the Congressional Library at Washington. The fact that the Congressional Library has a perfect file of our journal is due entirely to the thoughtful care and interest of Mrs. Moses of Sumter, a former Vice President of the South Carolina Division United Daughters of the Confederacy and Mrs. Smith of Rock Hill, a former Vice President of the South Carolina Federation of Women's Clubs. This prompt response to our request for missing copies has been most helpful and gratifying to the management of The Keystone.

THE silver loving cup given every year by the Progressive Union, an organization of representative men in New Orleans to the citizen of that city who has done the greatest service to the community, was this year awarded to Miss Sophie Wright. Miss Wright started a night school for boys fifteen years ago and her work has grown to such magnitude that it is now regarded as a public benefaction. This is the first time a woman has ever been awarded this civic honor although New Orleans numbers many women among her benefactors, such as Mrs. Ida Richardson who erected the great Medical College building; Mrs. Milliken who gave the Richard Milliken Memorial Hospital for Children; Mrs. Newcomb who gave the endowment for Newcomb College, and Mrs. Tilton who erected the Tilton Library at Tulane University. These all gave of their wealth to their fellow man, but Miss Wright, although crippled and delicate in health, gave of herself to her community. New Orleans has her woman's monument to "Margaret" and now comes this other honor as a tribute to the personal worth of one frail woman.

A MASS MEETING of the friends of equal suffrage for men and women was called in Houston, Texas, in December for the purpose of organizing a Texas woman's suffrage association. The association was perfected and officers were elected. Rev. Anna Shaw delivered her lecture on the Fate of Republics.

A YOUNG woman has recently been appointed professor of English in the University of Grenoble, France. This is the first French university to include women in its faculty.

CHARACTER is one of the most marvelous and illusive attributes of the human Soul. When we analyse our own equipment with this moral factor and consider its wonderful manifestations in our fellow man we realize its importance in the development of the world's work. There is no such condition as lack of character. The moral state we refer to as characterless is merely another expression of this attribute which we are now considering. The generally accepted idea of character is one that implies promptness of decision and firmness of purpose. This power of quick decision, however, should be tempered by a lofty morality and a tender sympathy, a condition which only results from a long training in the great school of high moral endeavor. Indecision often comes from a sincere desire to do right but sometimes behind this desire one may also find an inclination to avoid responsibility and a fear of consequences from any definite action, a sort of temporizing with affairs in the hope that some one else will assume the obligation or take the initiative. While there is often much to be gained by "a masterly policy of inactivity," we should bear in mind that in the end it is merely a *policy* and not a principle. How many persons are there who recognize the crucial moment and have decision of mind and force of character enough to decide when a final conclusion must be reached. How many of us waiver, weigh and reconsider the problems before us, making ourselves very nice cushions for softening the hard spots and easing the rough corners of life, but by so doing we should bear in mind that too much cushioning enervates and will neither revivify nor vitalize our environment. Indecision has a tendency towards stagnation and exerts a discouraging influence on the life and hopes of all about us. Those who have the faculty for knowing truly, seeing clearly, resolving firmly, and abiding by the consequences, are the characters upon whom the world will rely for guidance and support.

Mistakes must be made, but let us see to it that we make them with honest intention and regret them with sincerity of heart. Do not let the fear of making a mistake hamper noble endeavor and high enterprise, for nothing destroys mental vigor and moral force more surely than does a dalliance with ideas and a hesitation with resolutions. Let us try to live each hour with a conscience attuned to the highest ground of moral obligation, put self into the background and cultivate a mind quick and prompt in decision. Having inspired by this habit of mind the confidence of our fellow man, let us feel the strongest moral obligation to always deserve this confidence and while disappointments and failures will come (they are written in the fate of all men) still in the end real success and noble achievements will surely come to those characters who display promptness of decision and firmness of purpose in dealing with the great problems of life.

CHARITY is always finding a way. Recently the New York Polyclinic Medical School and Hospital has opened a night dispensary service for the benefit of those whose employment prevents their seeking medical relief during the day, and on Mondays, Tuesdays, Thursdays and Fridays women physicians are in attendance for the special benefit of shop and factory girls.

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SOUTH CAROLINA FEDERATION OF WOMEN'S CLUBS,
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This Department is official and will be continued monthly.
 Official news and calls of Federation Committees printed here.

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 60 Clubs—2,200 Members.

THE Seventh Biennial of the General Federation of Women's Clubs to convene in St. Louis, May 17-25, will be an event of importance and great interest to all women. I hope that South Carolina Clubwomen will endeavor to make their Exposition visit coincide with the Convention date, that they may receive information and inspiration from this great body of women workers.

MARTHA ORR PATTERSON.

South Carolina Headquarters at the St. Louis Biennial.

To Miss Louisa B. Poppenheim, Corresponding Secretary of General Federation.

I am so glad that you will let us use your room at the Jefferson as S. C. Headquarters! It will be a great advantage for us all, and in the name of the Delegation I thank you.

MARTHA ORR PATTERSON.

THE Clubwomen of North Carolina, South Carolina and Florida are trying to make up a special car going to the St. Louis Biennial via *Richmond* and the *Big Four*.

All members of the South Carolina Federation going to the Biennial are cordially invited to join this party. This car will leave Charleston May 14th, and Clubwomen can make connections with it at various points.

The comfort of a special car is greatly to be desired on a long journey, besides the pleasure of Club affiliation on the route will add much to the enjoyment of the Biennial. Clubwomen are urged to consider this matter in order that the railroads will grant us this privilege since a certain number is required for a special car. For connections, rates and further particulars, address Mr. W. E. Renneker, Agent Atlantic Coast Line, Charleston, S. C.

THE Railroads have granted a rate of one and one-third fare plus 25 cents from all points in South Carolina and Augusta for the Newberry Convention of the South Carolina Federation of Women's Clubs, June 14th-17th. Each delegate pays one fare for a ticket with attached certificate, the latter to be signed by the President of the Federation at the Convention. This will entitle the holder to buy a return ticket at the rate of one-third plus twenty-five cents. Last year the rate to Columbia was one and two-thirds.

MRS. R. D. WRIGHT,

Chairman Local Central Committee.

THE Library Association in Newberry, organized Feb. 17th, has now 103 members with a nice large room given it by Hon. Geo. S. Mower. The officers of the Association are President, Mrs. J. E. Norwood; Vice President, Mrs. H. Hunt; Secretary, Mrs. R. D. Wright; Treasurer, Miss Helen Mower; Librarian, Mrs. W. E. Belcher. Board of Directors: Associate—Dr. Geo. B. Cromer, Hon. Geo. S. Mower, Col. W. H. Hunt. Active—

Mrs. W. H. Wallace, Mrs. J. N. Martin, Mrs. O. B. Mayer, together with the President and Vice President members ex-officio.

The men are associate members as the Association wants to join the State Federation some day. The Association has a nice collection of books to begin with and contributions are coming in daily.

THE Woman's Club of Newberry is studying the Bay View Course on Germany. On February 12th this

Club devoted its time to Domestic Science, as recommended by the State Chairman at the last convention. The papers prepared were instructive and helpful in promoting an interest in the Home.

THE Woman's Club of Sumter is doing fine work in Literary Extension work. This Club has already sent out in the surrounding county five libraries, each one made up of twenty-five books and twenty-five magazines, and it has three more in preparation.

THE Every Tuesday Club of Union has appointed a Reciprocity Committee and will do active work in this direction.

WE neglected to say last month to our Charleston readers that Mrs. L. H. Dent is here at present, representing the publishers of "Stoddard's Travel-Lectures" (See advertisement on page 15).

She offers very easy terms: no one could feel the small monthly or quarterly payments burthensome.

She does not at all urge a subscription, merely offering the opportunity to obtain the entertaining and valuable series which is not obtainable at the book-stores.

Many have spoken of having greatly enjoyed a call from her, as she is a woman of education; for many years a teacher in Ladies' Seminaries; and one who has herself enjoyed the advantages and the culture to be gained by foreign travel.

Club women are interested in talking with her, as she has been connected with some very famous clubs for many years, notably with "Sorosis" of New York, "The New Century Club" of Philadelphia, The Business Woman's Club of Washington, and at present with the "Daughters of the Confederacy," at Washington, D. C. We can furnish her address, if desired.

General Federation Notes.

THE Corresponding Secretary of the General Federation has completed the 1904 Directory, and had it distributed early in March. This edition contains 36 pages, showing 41 State Federations and 769 Clubs in the General Federation. In this Directory may be found the names and addresses of all Officers and Directors and Standing Committees of the General Federation, State Federations, Federation Secretaries and Federated Clubs, showing the number of members, time and place of meetings and special lines of work. Since the publication, 60 Clubs have been admitted, proving increased interest in the coming Biennial.

West Virginia and Montana have both issued calls for the purpose of organizing State Federations during April. The West Virginia meeting is called in Wheeling for April 21st.

The Arkansas Federation will hold its 7th annual meeting in Little Rock, April 27-29, in the State House.

The 9th annual meeting of the Kansas Federation will be held at Emporia, May 3-5.

SOUTH CAROLINA DIVISION, UNITED DAUGHTERS OF THE CONFEDERACY.

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 Chairman Historical Committee—Miss Mary B. Poppenheim, 31 Meeting St., Charleston, S. C.
 45 Chapters—1,700 Members.

THE Chairman of the S. C. Division Historical Committee has received from Dr. J. William Jones of Richmond, Va., the following list of text books, School Histories, which are objectionable for use in Southern schools as they are not impartial history and are unfair to the South in their treatment of her part in American history. Swinton, the Eclectic History, Eggleston, Barnes, Fiske, Willard, Wilson's, Allan C. Thomas, Mowry, Goodrich, McMasters. Hart's Epochs of American History in three volumes, much used in our colleges and high schools, is very objectionable. "Our Country," published by Ginn & Co., has been condemned by the History Committee of the Grand Camp of Virginia U. C. V. Chapters are requested to note that these are text books and in making their inquiries on this subject to bear this list in mind. The Historical Committee will furnish to any chapter applying a list of 107 books recommended as valuable and advisable to have in a Southern library.

The Minutes of the Eighth Annual Convention of the S. C. Division U. D. C., held in Camden, S. C., Dec. 1-2, 1903, have been issued. The pamphlet of 20 pages is full of valuable information. The lists of officers of the Chapters add much to usefulness of the publication.

United Daughters of the Confederacy.

[UP TO DATE NOTES ON THE U. D. C.]

"MRS. ANNIE WASHINGTON RAPLEY, President of the Missouri Division, says that at the Convention in St. Louis the entire State Division will entertain. Each Chapter, however small, is to be co-hostess. Therefore every U. D. C. in Missouri feels personally interested in the success of the entertainment of our beloved sisters of the U. D. C. who will be received on October 4th with greetings of warmest love and sympathy in our work."

MRS. P. G. ROBERT.

Mrs. Rapley, Mrs. Robert and Mrs. Campbell decided upon the date of the Eleventh Annual Meeting of the U. D. C. in St. Louis, Mo., October 4th-8th inclusive, and they have certainly selected the pleasantest time of the year anywhere.

The President of the M. A. E. McLure Chapter of St. Louis, in a very charming letter apropos of the Convention, says, "We have secured an entire building with hall for the Convention, committee rooms, lunch rooms, all under one roof. As the question of getting about during the Fair will be a vital one, we are much pleased at this arrangement." Mrs. P. G. Robert has kindly consented to receive all credentials mailed to St. Louis and put them herself into the hands of Mrs. L. G. Henderson, the Chairman of the Credential Committee. Mrs. Robert will be a very busy woman at that time with her heavy responsibilities and her kindness in this important matter.

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Mrs. W. G. Moore and Mrs. Frank Gaiennie of St. Louis are in charge of the Transportation Committee as Chairman and Secretary. We know their work will be well done.

Mrs. Cantrell of the Souvenir Committee has at her own request a very large and influential committee and we hope will be able to accomplish much.

The Cross of Honor Committee remains unchanged. Their work is arduous. The Committee on Words for "Dixie" will probably have a busy time as many suggested revisions have been sent them.

The following are the chairmen of committees for U. D. C. appointed by the President General for 1904:

Finance, Mrs. Cone Johnson, Tyler, Texas; History, Mrs. James M. Garnett 1316 Bolton St., Baltimore, Md.; Cross of Honor, Miss Mildred Rutherford, Athens, Georgia; "Words for Dixie," Mrs. A. L. Dowdell, Opelika, Ala.; Transportation, Mrs. N. G. Moore, 86 Vandewenter Place, St. Louis, Mo.; Credentials, Mrs. Lizzie George Henderson, Greenwood, Miss.; Historical Souvenir, Mrs. Mary C. Cantrell, Georgetown, Ky.; Condensation and Approval of Minutes, Mrs. Cornelia B. Stone, Galveston, Texas.

The Annual State Convention of the Mississippi Division of the U. D. C. will meet in Greenwood, Miss., May 3rd, 4th and 5th. There is to be a Garden Party a reception at the home of Mrs. T. R. Henderson, an excursion on the Yazoo River and a lecture by Ralph Bingham of Philadelphia. A large attendance is expected and the hostesses Chapter has almost completed its arrangements.

The Alabama Division U. D. C. at its Executive Board meeting held with Mrs. Wood, the President, in Troy, Ala., February 18th, decided to incorporate a literary feature in its next State Convention program.

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Evening Hymn.

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Low sinks the sun upon the wooded knoll,
So sink in faith upon the love of Jesus,
And rest my soul.

Rest, O my soul, day draws to her departing,
Yon distant wagon only breaks the calm;
Hushed are the winds, the solemn silence raising
Its holy Psalm.

Praise, O soul, all day the earth hath lifted
Dear hands of praise thro' creatures of Thy hand,
Now all is lulled—and spirit close to spirit
I silent stand.

Silence, my soul, the Father is in Heaven,
And thou on earth—and let thy words be few,
Still as the leaves—hush thou and wait thy blessing,
Thy meed of dew.

Wait, O my soul, life's last learnt lesson learning,
Praise from the singing bird, at break of day,
And prayer at mid-day heat, in midst of toiling,
How good to pray!

But now at eventide, with nature resting,
Stay the importunate prayer; let praises cease
And for awhile taste evening's crowning blessing,
A perfect peace.

Peace, O my soul, altho' no rest be given,
Dark tho' the night, and toilsome tho' the day,
Nor fear to lose thy speech for prayer and praises,
He that can wait—can pray."

Charleston, S. C.

P. T.

Roses and Lilies.

An Easter Lesson.

BY REBECCA LINLEY FRIPP.

ALL night long she had not moved or spoken. Friends came and went with muffled tread and hushed breathing—she knew it not; in the suddenness of her bereavement, she seemed to have been stricken deaf, and dumb and blind. So, at last, they let her be—left her alone with her dead. No sound broke the absolute stillness. The heavy odor of dying roses seemed to breathe of universal death. Her soul was groping, alone, in thick darkness. If she had but lifted her head, she would have seen the first tints of a new-born day glimmering through the blinds that were shut against them. If she had but opened her ears to any earthly sound, the stirring life of an awakening day would have smote upon them. But she was blind and deaf, and conscious only of one hideous truth, that death had triumphed over love, even a love like hers. Yet, in the East, another Easter had spanned the sky with its rainbow of Immortality.

Suddenly she sat erect, studying with burning eyes, the lineaments of the dead—striving to stamp them upon her memory in colors that would never grow dim. But this pale clay was not he! Not the living, loving man who had made her life a wonder and a dream. O, his image was in her heart. She had but to shut her eyes, and lo, he would be with her, in all the vividness of reality! They—death and the grave—could never take him from her. So, like a child who shuts his eyes to see the bright colors flash, she shut hers and called up his image. But alas! the picture was confused, undefined, phantasmal! With agonized intentness she set herself to the task, only to find the realization more and more remote. Not one line, not one tint, could her faithless memory reproduce—only the shadow of his smile, the echo of his laugh, rang like mockery in her ears. Like the color of the rose, the perfume of its many-petalled heart, the glory of his beauty had wasted and vanished away. He was gone, out of her life, into darkness, silence,

and illimitable distance—dead—dead. But there was a God, and He was the same God, "yesterday, to-day, and forever." He could give him back to her, even now, when death had broken all the seals of life. He had given Lazarus to Mary from the very bondage of corruption. He should give this one, this more than brother, back to her. O, she would beat against the very gates of Heaven, but He should hear!

With wildly beating heart she fell upon her knees, but something stayed the prayer upon her lips. It was not awe nor fear of questioning the high prerogative of the great God—she felt at the moment like a child who has but to ask and to receive; it was a strange stilling of desire—a satisfied calm—a surety of possession. Peace that passeth all understanding, fell upon her. Like a tired child, she closed her eyes and slept.

How long she slept, she knew not, but suddenly she seemed to be wide awake. The air was sentient with a subtle perfume, not sweet and sensuous like the roses with their passionate memories, but revivifying, powerful, pervasive. Sunlight flooded the room. It was of dazzling brilliancy as if reflected from fields of snow, and she was blinded with excess of light. Slowly, slowly, she discerned a radiant figure standing beside the bier, and lo, it was he who was dead, and the casket was empty! It was he, not dead, but alive!

"Margaret."

O, that voice! "Margaret, my dearest! Did you believe that I could leave you—die, and leave you? O, Margaret! I am not dead, but alive, and I will never leave you to all eternity."

The shadow of the grave had not touched him. His beautiful brown eyes looked into hers with all the olden devotion. His arms were around her—the strength of an undying love in their embrace. He was hers. The grave could not hold him and the terror that had torn her soul asunder was but a dream of the night.

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A gentle hand was laid upon her shoulder,—a voice sounded in her ears—a feeble, familiar voice, with a note of entreaty in its faltering tones.

"Margaret, my child, I hated to disturb you, you were sleeping so sweetly, after your long watch, but—the time has come. There, my dear, let me help you up."

She was still on her knees, and her limbs were stiff and sore. She looked up, dazed, uncertain. The ecstasy and the exaltation were still upon her, and reason was slow in reassuming her dominion. Her hands pressed against the polished wood of the casket, but she did not realize its meaning. Slowly she rose to her feet, wondering and confused, not knowing which was the reality—which the vision. The room was dimly lit, but enough of the noontide struggled in to define the still face of the sleeper with its ineffable expression. Long she gazed, standing rigid, the folds of her black garments falling around her.

The door opened behind her, and a little child stepped timidly toward her, bearing a great stem of lilies. Their pungent living breath swept like a wind from Heaven through the rose-laden atmosphere.

"Easter lilies, Aunt Margaret," piped a little voice; "for you and Uncle Rob, bofe of you, because I love you."

Margaret took the lilies. She bent over them, breathing in their fragrance in rapt silence. Then, suddenly, with trembling hands, she swept the roses from the casket. Over that calm, pillowed head, she laid the lilies, their immaculate

petals symbolic of the Power which shall raise up every man in his order, pressing the bright, clustering curls of the dead. In reverent silence the old minister beside her covered the casket, where the discarded roses had left it bare, with spikes of lilies—they were waiting close at hand in their purity and sweetness—murmuring softly to himself the while, broken sentences from Scripture.

Margaret laid her lips against the cold cheek of the sleeper. "Not dead," she whispered; "not dead, but alive! O, God, help me to remember."

The South Carolina Audubon Society Organized 1900

(This Department is Official.)

President, Mr. Geo. S. Holmes, South Battery, Charleston, S. C.
Secretary, Miss S. A. Smyth, 35 Legare St., Charleston, S. C.

The Revised Constitution of the South Carolina Audubon Society, Adopted March 22, 1904.

I.—NAME.

This society shall be called The South Carolina Audubon Society.

II.—OBJECT.

The object of the society shall be the suppression of the use of wild birds for ornament, and the organization of a permanent society for the diffusion of information concerning the utility of our birds, for encouraging the study of wild birds, and of aiding the passage and proper enforcement of good game and bird laws.

III.—MEMBERS.

Any white person interested in the study and protection of Birds, shall become a member on the payment of a year's dues.

IV.—OFFICERS.

The officers of this society shall be:—

1. President.
2. A Vice President from each county of the State.
3. A Secretary and Treasurer.

(1). The President and the Secretary and Treasurer shall be elected by ballot at the Annual Meeting. A majority of those present shall constitute an election.

(2). The Vice Presidents shall be appointed by the President.

V.—DUES.

The Dues shall be fifty cents per annum for those over twenty-one years of age. For those under that age, ten cents.

VI.—MEETINGS.

The Annual Meeting shall be on the second Saturday in January. Place and hour to be fixed by the President. Special meetings may be called at the request of five members, or at the desire of the President.

VII.—QUORUM.

Five members shall constitute a quorum.

VIII.—AMENDMENTS.

This Constitution may be amended at any meeting, provided that notice of such amendment has been given at a previous meeting.

Anyone wishing to become a member or to continue their membership under the revised Constitution will please notify the Secretary and Treasurer, sending her the dues for the year.

MISS SARAH A. SMYTH,

Secretary and Treasurer S. C. Audubon Society,
35 Legare Street, Charleston, S. C.

How a Useful Little Girl Became an Artist.

ONCE there was a Useful Little Girl who sewed nicely and took good care of her two small brothers. As she had no mother, there was much for her to do, but the Useful Little Girl sang merrily as she flitted about her pleasant tasks, and she was always busy. One sad day this Little Girl found a box of paints and very soon she began to paint a lot of pictures. Her first attempt was a large black and white butterfly. Her father said it was wonderful—that he would have known it was a butterfly anywhere. When they asked one small boy to guess what it was, he said he didn't *know*, but it might be a cow because it was so black and white. "Oh, no," shrieked the other Boy. "It hasn't got four legs, just three tails—one in the middle and two on the sides. It's a kite."

"You are a clever child," announced the Proud Father. "It is far more like a kite than a cow—and some day your Sister shall be Taught Art."

He was a poor man, but he worked hard and at last when the Useful Little Girl was seventeen, he told her he had saved enough money to send her to the Art School. The Useful Little Girl declared that she loved her home too much—She didn't care for painting so devotedly as for her father and brothers. But the Proud Father said she owed it to herself and the whole world that she should develop her Great Talent. So the Useful Little Girl went every day to the Art School, where the girls all thought her so pretty and attractive that she soon became convinced she must have a Genius for Painting. These new friends regretted what they called her unfortunate environment, but added that an artist could create her own environment. By the time the Useful Little Girl understood this new language she had become a little less Useful and far more artistic. She disliked to do the same homely tasks every day, and she became quite sure that attention to details was enervating. Gradually her list of unimportant details seemed to include the insignificant members of her household. She thought it a dreadful pity that her father and brothers should have changed so much in two years. They *couldn't* be congenial now for they didn't understand the first principles of perspective, and their knowledge of pictures was quite elemental. The Young Artist at last convinced her father that keeping house was a useless bore. He and the boys could board somewhere, while she continued her studies in a great City which was many miles distant. She said her Talent demanded a larger field.

So the little home was broken up and they became a typical American family. The Young Artist easily found a larger field for her Talent. In fact, the field was *so* large that both she and her Talent got lost in some remote corner of it. Her father and brothers suppose she is not lonely for they think they have heard there are a crowd of other Artists with Talents of the same kind in that same corner.

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THE following is the program for the Seventh Annual Convention of the Mississippi Federation of Women's Clubs, to be held at Oxford, Miss., April 27th-28th, 1904.

Wednesday, April 27th, 9:30 a. m.

Invocation.

Federation Song.

Roll-call, Responses, Club Mottoes.

Welcome Address.

Response.

President's Address.

Music.

Report of Credential Committee.

Report of Federation Officers.

Reports of various Committees.

AFTERNOON SESSION 2:30 p. m.

Music.

Club Reports by Delegates.

Discussion.

EVENING SESSION (OPEN).

Music.

Paper—"The Women One Meets."

Music—Chaminade Club.

Paper—"Woman's Influence on Molding Public Opinion."

Recitation.

Paper—"Folk-song," Illustrated.

Reading.

Adjournment.

THURSDAY, APRIL 28TH., 1904, 9:30 a. m.

Music.

Papers—"Organization."

Paper—"What Can Club Women Do to Improve a Town?"

Discussion.

Paper—"Traveling Libraries, Library Extension, Library Commission," Mrs. C. L. Anderson, Kosciusko.

Paper—"Is it Desirable that a Club Confine Itself to Study?"

Discussion.

Adjourn until Afternoon, 2:30 p. m.

Music Chaminade Club.

"Notes on a Recent Trip Abroad," Mrs. Rosalie Q. Duncan, Natchez.

Round Table Discussion, "Needs of the Federation."

Miscellaneous Business.

Election of Officers.

Reception at 9 p. m.

THE Woman's Progressive Club of Natchez, Mississippi, was organized in 1890, under the direction of its first President, Mrs. Jeanette Hardaman Walworth, the novelist; after two years Mrs. Walworth resigned and Mrs. Rosalie Quitman Duncan was elected President and has been unanimously re-elected each successive year. The club is limited to twenty-five, with four honorary members and two life honoraries. The earnest literary work and small membership list renders it strong in social life and an important influence in the community.

The subject of study for the year 1903-04 is the History of Spain from early times, her Art, Literature, Legends, Architecture and Political Affairs. At the convention of the Federation of Woman's Clubs to take place in Oxford, Mississippi, several representatives from this club will probably attend, among them Mrs. E. H. Trabue, Mrs. W. B. Rhodes, Mrs. Clarence W. Willson, Secretary, and Mrs. Joseph J. Foard and Mrs. R. Q. Duncan, President, the last two being the instructed delegates. Mrs. Foard, formerly of Nashville, Tennessee, first vice-president, is a woman of scholarly ability and judgment. Mrs. Duncan, the President, daughter of the late General H. H. Quitman, hero of the Mexican war, and Governor of Mississippi, is revered by all who know her for her nobility of character, her mental attainments, her rare and lovable personality.

THE Goodman Woman's Club now has a membership of seventeen intelligent and cultured women. We have had four years of pleasure and profit and each Club meeting being more enjoyable.

We still carry on our Book Exchange. While we have no special study, the program consists of Readings, Discussions, Music, etc.

Our aim was largely to bring ourselves into an atmosphere of uplifting influence, but partly to become better acquainted. The most pleasing feature to me has been the beautiful harmony that has existed.

At last meeting delegates were elected to go to Convention at Oxford. I am desirous they attend in order that they may feel the enthusiasm, the high purpose, the noble resolve that comes from a gathering of women, earnest and devoted, who make up the Federation.

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I DO not know if it is the proper thing to do, but I feel like making my "bow" to my Club-sisters throughout the State, in this my initial appearance in the North Carolina department of The Keystone, hoping they will acknowledge the acquaintance with as much pleasure as I expect to derive from my duties in it. I would like to remind the sisters that this is not *my* department, but *ours*, and any item in Club-work, any new plans for advancement or forward movement, will, if submitted for these columns, help in making them as instructive and interesting as they should be, so I ask for a liberal response from Club members throughout the State of North Carolina.

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THE North Carolina delegates to the St. Louis Bi-ennial meeting of Women's Clubs are: Mrs. Lindsay Patterson, Winston-Salem, President State Federation; Miss Claytor Candler, Winston-Salem, Corresponding Secretary; Mrs. Hugh Murrill, Charlotte, Mrs. William R. Hollowell, Goldsboro, Mrs. J. T. Alderman, Henderson, Miss Mary Petty, Greensboro, Miss Margaret Gibson, Wilmington, Miss Annie Scales, Spray—Alternates. Mrs. Walter Taylor, Wilmington, Mrs. T. R. Manning, Henderson, Mrs. Gowan Dusenberry, Concord, Mrs. J. E. Reilly, Charlotte.

The North Carolina delegates to the Bi-ennial will join the Corresponding Secretary of the General Federation (Miss Louisa Poppenheim) and the South Carolina delegates, going by way of Richmond and the Big Four. It is to be hoped that a sufficient number can join the party in order that a special car may be secured. The president of the North Carolina State Federation is now making arrangements to secure reduced railroad and hotel rates, of which due notice will be given in the State papers.

All members of the North Carolina State Federation are cordially invited to join this party and are requested to notify Mrs. Lindsay Patterson, President North Carolina State Federation, Winston-Salem, N. C.

Winston-Salem.

THE Round Dozen Book Club of Winston-Salem met with Mrs. W. T. Brown, February 3d. A full attendance of the members together with the President of the State Federation, Mrs. Lindsay Patterson; the President of the Whist Club, Mrs. W. A. Lemly; the President of Sorosis, Mrs. L. A. Vaughan; Mrs. W. N. Reynolds from the Monday Afternoon Club, and several members from the Embroidery Club made a notable gathering of the Club women of the two towns.

Mrs. Brown acted as hostess and reader for the afternoon. Two very interesting papers were read by her in Titian and Tintorello. Perry pictures were used to illustrate the paintings of these great masters of art.

Mrs. Patterson spoke of the Biennial at St. Louis, and a general Club information. At the close of the program Mrs. Brown served an elegant luncheon.

At the beginning of the Club year the Round Dozen sent a traveling library of twenty-five volumes to the rural schools, and quite recently it has made a contribution to the State Normal Loan Fund at Greensboro. This fund is represented by Mrs. Gilbert Pearson.

AT the last meeting of the Woman's Club of Charlotte it was decided to appoint a committee to consider the reciprocity proposition, and a day will be set apart at the next meeting for that purpose.

Leaders in South Carolina.

By M. B. P.

("The Keystone" presents the following series of articles giving a brief outline of the lives of women in South Carolina who have been active in promoting various women's organizations in that State as a tribute to those women's worth as citizens of South Carolina. In this list will be found Clubwomen, Daughters of the Confederacy, educators, literary women and women prominent in philanthropic enterprises.)

SERIES II.

THIS second series on prominent women in South Carolina will deal with members of the South Carolina Division of the United Daughters of the Confederacy. This State Association has an earlier date of organization than the clubwomen and although not so strong numerically as they, it wields as powerful an influence in the social and intellectual life of South Carolina and its membership laps over into all organizations where work is being accomplished for the uplifting of human character and endeavor.

The South Carolina Division United Daughters of the Confederacy, organized in Columbia, S. C., May, 1896, at the call of the Charleston Chapter U. D. C., elected as its first President Mrs. A. T. Smythe of Charleston.

Mrs. Ellison Capers of Columbia, S. C., was elected the second President of the Division at its second meeting in Charleston in December, 1896.

MRS. CHARLOTTE PALMER CAPERS, wife of Bishop Ellison Capers of South Carolina, was born at her father's plantation, Cherry Grove, St. John's Berkeley, and was the third daughter of John Gendron Palmer and Catherine Marion. She perfected her education at the Misses Murden's School in Charleston and in 1859 married Mr. Ellison Capers, then an instructor at the South Carolina Military Academy.

During the war Mrs. Capers' life was full of Confederate interest as her husband was actively engaged in the Confederate Army as Major and Lt. Col. of the 1st Regiment of Rifles, then as Col. 24th S. C. V. and finally as a Brigadier General. After the war General Capers entered the ministry and as a rector's wife Mrs. Capers has lived in Greenville, S. C.; Selma, Ala., and finally in Columbia, S. C., since 1893, when her husband was made Bishop of South Carolina.

As the mother of nine children, five boys and four girls, seven of whom have grown to manhood and womanhood, Mrs. Capers has had a busy home life. Her interests and sympathies, however, did not remain limited to her home circle, for being a woman of broad literary tastes and of a genial and social nature, her life naturally broadened out into wider circles of influence. As a member of the Daughters of the Confederacy, The Colonial Dames and The Order of the Descendants of Colonial Governors, Mrs. Capers has been a wise and conserving influence in woman's organizations in South Carolina. She has served one year as President of the South Carolina Division U. D. C. and

two years as President of the Wade Hampton Chapter U. D. C. of Columbia, re-election to both of which offices she refused owing to ill health. Personally Mrs. Capers is very fond of reading current literature while her special favorites among authors are Dickens, Scott and Tennyson. She has compiled a little book of poems on children, "Mother's Jewels," which has been published by the Bryan Publishing Co., Columbia, S. C.

In all her fields of endeavor, in her home, in the church, and in other organizations, her strength of character and sincerity of speech, thought and feeling, combined with the gentleness of love have made Mrs. Capers both an influence and an example. She inspires confidence and a sense of repose, and is one of those rare women so beautifully poised that in these days of hurry and strife one feels that her presence in itself is a sort of benediction. Such a woman cannot fail to be an inspiration for good in any organization and the South Carolina Division U. D. C. is most fortunate to have enfolded in the annals of its history as an Ex-President, a woman of such exquisite and ennobling a character.

At the third meeting of the South Carolina Division U. D. C. in Abbeville, S. C., Mrs. W. C. McGowan of Abbeville was elected the third President of the Division, and at its fourth meeting in Greenville, S. C., in 1900, Mrs. Thos. Taylor of Columbia, S. C., was elected the fourth President.

MRS. SALLY ELMORE TAYLOR is the daughter of Franklin H. Elmore of South Carolina, who was appointed by the Governor to fill out the unexpired term of John C. Calhoun in the United States senate. Mrs. Taylor's ancestors came from Virginia and have been identified with the Revolutionary and civil history of South Carolina in a marked degree. As a child Miss Elmore spent much of her time in Washington, meeting many distinguished men of those days, notably Mr. Calhoun and Mr. Jefferson Davis.

In 1848, while acting as her father's secretary in Washington, she copied for the Congressional Library for preservation the treaties and other papers relating to certain Georgia Indian claims which had been presented through U. S. Senator Lewis of Alabama. These Indians had been seeking payment for these land claims for many years and Col. Elmore received large fees for the final settlement of them and those fees paid Miss Elmore she notes as the first money she ever earned in public service.

Miss Elmore married her mother's cousin, Capt. Thos. Taylor of Columbia, who acted as A. D. C. to General Hampton until the end of the war.

Having no children to employ and engage even a part of her boundless energy, Mrs. Taylor has always been a woman of great activity. She was President of the Association of Women in Columbia who worked during the Reconstruction days in South Carolina and was an active worker in the organization and management of the Columbia Hospital for six years.

When the South Carolina Division of the U. D. C. was organized in Columbia, Mrs. Taylor was elected its first Vice President, serving for six months; she was then, in December, 1896, elected Secretary of the Division. In 1900, at the Greenville Convention she was elected the fourth President of the Division, was re-elected President at Rock Hill in 1901, thus serving two terms (limit of office by the Constitution.)

Through her instrumentality by petition to the Legislature, a room in the State House was assigned to the South

Carolina Division U. D. C. as a Record and Relic Room for the Daughters of the Confederacy, with the Wade Hampton Chapter of Columbia as its custodian.

As chairman of the publication committee of the S. C. Division U. D. C., she secured from the Legislature an appropriation of \$500 towards publishing the collection of manuscript made by the Division and known as "South Carolina Women in the Confederacy." By her energy and activity as chairman of the editing and publishing committee for this book she sold the entire edition of the first volume three days before it was out of the printing office, clearing all expense for the publication. This volume is of inestimable historical value as a reference book.

Mrs. Taylor is a woman of wonderful fluency of speech, quick in repartee, and of sprightly wit. Her reading is generally of a study kind and through translations she has made a specialty of German metaphysics and criticism. She is also partial to the Greek dramatists and confesses to a great interest in Shakespeare. Her indomitable will and keen perception of human nature make her an important factor in all associations with which she is identified. She is a woman of great accuracy of thought and of broad intellectual sympathy and has brought her splendid endowment of natural talents to the service of the Daughters of the Confederacy. To them she has given freely of her time, thought, influence and energy, and the South Carolina Division is strong and influential to-day in a great measure through the devoted work of this accomplished daughter of South Carolina.

Mrs. James Conner of Charleston, S. C., was the fifth President of the South Carolina Division U. D. C. Born in Virginia, the daughter of Mr. John Enders of Richmond, Va., Mrs. Conner spent her girlhood in that historic city during the stirring days of '61-'65. As Miss Sallie Enders, she attended Miss Pegram's school in Richmond and later on was married to Gen. James Conner of Charleston, S. C. Since her marriage Mrs. Conner has always resided in Charleston. Her husband being a man of strong mental endowment and having been actively associated with the Government of the State during Gen'l Hampton's administration, Mrs. Conner in her home circle enjoyed unusual opportunities for knowing the most prominent South Carolinians of the latter half of the 19th century. Having been blessed with four daughters and one son, all now grown, hers has been a life full of human interests in an attractive domestic circle. As Vice President of St. Michael's Woman's Auxiliary for many years her interest in philanthropic and church work has been great. She is also President of the Riverside Infirmary Association of King's Daughters and President of the Church Orphanage Association.

Her principle affiliation, however, is with the Daughters of the Confederacy. She is now serving out her fifth term as President of the Charleston Chapter U. D. C., having served that Chapter for years previously as Vice President and Chairman of the Executive Committee. She was elected Vice President of the South Carolina Division U. D. C. in 1901, and President of the Division at Sumter in 1902, receiving a re-election to the same office at Anderson in 1903, thus serving as President two terms, the limit of office by the Constitution. She is now serving as Vice President of the Division and as Chairman of the Editing and Publishing Committee of the Division, which committee has in charge the issuing of a second volume of "South Carolina Women in the Confederacy."

Mrs. Conner is a woman of marked executive ability, orderly and methodical in mind, careful and neat in every detail of routine work. Her warm and impulsive nature has won for her many friends while her charming personality, quick perception and endless tact have exerted a most valuable and helpful influence in all associations and offices with which she has been connected.

"The Vinegar Buyer."

THE South is fortunate this season in that *Liebler & Co.* are managing a Southern tour for Ezra Kendall in "*The Vinegar Buyer*." The tour began with Norfolk, and includes Charleston, Jacksonville, and cities in Alabama, Louisiana, Texas, Arkansas and Tennessee. In Charleston on March 17th, Mr. Kendall presented the character of "*Joe Miller*" in the "*Vinegar Buyer*" to a discriminating and appreciative audience. This play was written especially for Mr. Kendall by Herbert H. Winslow, and has had a marked success during the past two seasons in large cities in the East and West. It is a clean, wholesome American comedy devoid of any vulgarity or horse play. The humor is characteristically American and appeals to educated, cultivated people. Mr. Kendall's acting is marked by that moderation and repressed power which belongs only to the true actor. The magnetism of his personality puts him at once in touch with his audience and American comedy has gained much through his sympathetic interpretation of the character of "*Joe Miller*." The rest of the cast was well balanced and sustained the standard of excellence which is always found in *Liebler & Co.*'s productions.

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THE *Woman's Home Companion* for March contains 56 pages of good things. Best of all is Mrs. Will H. Lows article on "French Home Cooking for American Households." This is a series invaluable to American cooks. Other features are "True Stories of Heroic School Teachers," "Colonial Dames of America," "Wireless Energy, the Wonder of the Twentieth Century," "The Coming War." The fashion pages anticipate the spring modes. "Owls" is the fascinating subject of Mr. Baynes' Nature-Study articles. Published by the Crowell Publishing Company, Springfield, Ohio; one dollar a year; ten cents a copy.

The extent and scope of pictorial magazines is aptly illustrated in the February—Valentine Number—of THE BURR MCINTOSH MONTHLY. Following a dozen or more panel full-page pictures of such celebrities as Eleanor Robson, Robert Mantell, etc., are about forty reproductions of noteworthy places and events in all parts of the country. These pictures were made by Mr. McIntosh's famous panoramic cameras, and are remarkable for their clearness and detail. Amongst the many interesting subjects are Winter Scenes in Alfred G. Vanderbilt's Camp, Adirondacks; Palm Beach, Florida; Iroquois Theatre, Chicago; Lake Ontario, etc., etc. The colored subjects, of which there are a number, are varied and interesting.

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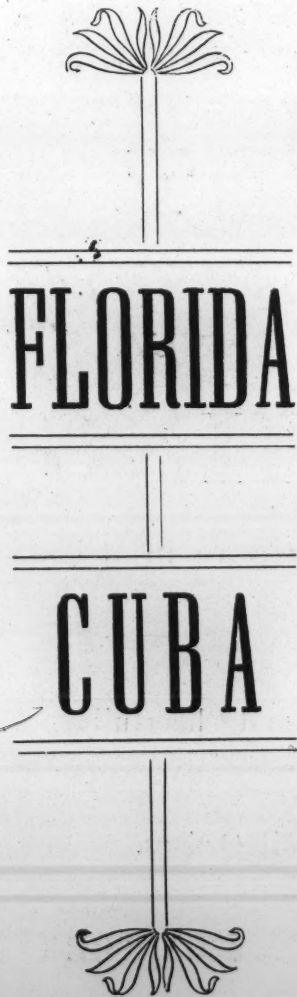
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